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**ROBERT J. BAUMAN**  
ALDERMAN, 4TH DISTRICT

## **Homicidal reckless driver kills pastor at busy downtown intersection**

**Statement of Alderman Robert J. Bauman**  
**October 13, 2022**

A 40-year-old man who served as a pastor at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (1209 N. Broadway) was killed yesterday morning (October 12) when a homicidal reckless driver ignored a red light at N. 10<sup>th</sup> and W. Wells Streets.

I came upon the crash scene about 15 minutes after incident (with the intersection blocked off and emergency vehicles on scene) and saw the mangled pile of vehicles, just yards from the Milwaukee County Courthouse. The driver who plowed into the pastor's vehicle at high speed was injured and was taken into custody by Milwaukee Police.

My prayers go out to the victim's wife and two children, and to the entire Grace Lutheran congregation. The historic downtown church has been a positive force in the area for more than 100 years, and I can only imagine the grief and pain the members are experiencing at this difficult time.

I have driven through that intersection thousands of times over the years, and that victim could have been me, one of my loved ones, or you or someone you love. It is unconscionable that anyone can simply ignore a red light at high speed and play vehicular 'Russian Roulette.'

I pray the District Attorney's Office will file vehicular homicide charges against the red light running driver in this case.

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